

Amendment to the Claims

The following listing of claims replaces all prior listings of claims in the application.

1. (Original) A water treatment apparatus programmable pass key comprising a data carrier programmed with one or more predetermined codes, each code relating to an operation in or of the water treatment apparatus.
2. (Original) A pass key as claimed in claim 1 wherein the data carrier is programmable.
3. (Currently Amended) A pass key as claims in claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~ wherein the operation comprises one or more of filtration, ~~sanitisation~~ sanitization and/or recirculation.
4. (Currently Amended) A pass key as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein the water treatment apparatus has multiple access points.
5. (Currently Amended) A pass key as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein the pass key includes a memory capacity and an ability to read/interrogate the water treatment apparatus and/or vice versa.
6. (Original) A pass key as claimed in claim 5, wherein the pass key contains data relating to the water treatment apparatus, such as validation information, process information and/or manufacturing information.
7. (Currently Amended) A pass key as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein the pass key is time coded.
8. (Currently Amended) A pass key as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 in combination with a water treatment apparatus adapted to receive and read the pass key.

9. (Original) A pass key and apparatus combination as claimed in claim 8 wherein the apparatus is accessible in more than one location.

10. (Original) A pass key and apparatus combination as claimed in claim 9, wherein the pass key includes electronic circuits which can communicate with electronic circuits within the water treatment apparatus.

11. (Original) A pass key as claimed in claim 10, wherein said electronic circuits communicate via transmittable waveforms, such as optical, electromagnetic or magnetic contacts.

12. (Original) A pass key as claimed in claim 10, wherein said electronic circuits communicate by physical contact.

13. (Original) A method of operating a water treatment apparatus, wherein one or more operations of the water treatment apparatus are only operable by conjunction of a programmable pass key as herein before defined with the water treatment apparatus, said pass key having a or the code adapted to operate the or each operation.

14. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 13, wherein the one or more operations comprise one or more of filtration, sanitisation sanitization and/or recirculation.